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## Israel to seek Egyptian labor

TEL AVIV, May 16 (R) — Thousands of Egyptian workers may be brought to Israel to help construct new airfields, towns and roads to be built in the southern Negev, an Israeli Labor Ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

Under their peace treaty, Israel is to hand back to Egypt all of the Sinai peninsula in three years, including air bases and other military installations.

The United States has agreed to finance the building of alternative airfields in the Negev and a number of American firms have already submitted construction bids.

"The chief problem in building the bases and the entire infrastructure will be Israel's chronic labor shortage," the ministry spokesman said.

Some of the American companies' bidding for construction contracts have said they will import workers from Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia, the spokesman said.

"But why bring in workers from those more distant places when we can do it from a neighboring country," he said.

The labor ministry was drawing up plans for the contracting firms who win the bids to consider the use of Egyptian workers.

"Of course, it all depends on whether the Egyptian government will agree with our proposal," the spokesman added.

"We believe it will be advantageous to both the Israeli and Egyptian economies, but most of all it will 'take the peace treaty a step further' by getting the two peoples to work together."

He said the ministry plans provided for the Egyptian workers to receive standard wages and to be housed in the same sort of accommodation as the Israelis.

"The Egyptian workers will be earning a higher wage than at home and will be sending back money to his family," the spokesman said.

"It will help ease Egypt's unemployment problem and provide the people with direct proof of the advantages to be reaped from peace with Israel."



IN ROME: Crown Prince Fahd during his meeting Wednesday with Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti (left)

### Printers back Khomeini

## Iran's press crisis deepens

TEHRAN, May 16 (Agencies) — The crisis over press freedom in post-revolutionary Iran deepened Wednesday as Muslim print workers received the blessing of Ayatollah Khomeini for their unofficial censorship of the country's largest newspaper.

Khomeini told a delegation of workers from the afternoon newspaper, "Kayhan": "The press must write 'what the nation wants, not against it.'

"If the press writes in support of traitors and criminals, it is not our press. This is treachery."

For the second day running "Kayhan" appeared in a pirated edition put together by non-editorial staff, while journalists met in emergency session to discuss the future of the paper.

"Kayhan" was purged from the newspaper earlier this week.

The main headline in Wednesday's "Kayhan" read: "Newspapers must conform to the will of the people."

It also carried a statement by "Kayhan's" workers calling on the editorial staff to devote all their efforts to the ideals of the nation. It criticized journalists who attacked the achievements of the revolution in order to create disorder and unrest in the country.

The "Kayhan" crisis illus-

trated the widening gap between the followers of Khomeini and the leftist and secular groups that helped him to power in the February revolution.

In a separate development Tehran's revolutionary court prosecutor said Wednesday that people charged with "corruption on earth" could also be sentenced to death by Islamic courts.

Atayatollah Azari Ghomi, told a reporter that in addition to murder and being an accomplice to murder, those found guilty of the corruption charge could face the death penalty.

His announcement appeared to contradict what Khomeini said Sunday.

The Ayatollah said that Islamic courts could no longer sentence people to death for political crimes but only if murder was involved.

Iran's Supreme Islamic Revolutionary Council warned Wednesday that Khomeini's decree limiting the death sentence should not encourage counter-

revolutionaries to commit crimes in the future.

The anti-revolutionary elements who were in fear of the verdicts of the revolutionary courts should not think the time is opportune for them to think of striking at the Islamic revolution of the Iranian people," said a council statement read on state radio.

"We warn them that the decree of the leader only concerns past crimes and concerns only death sentences. In other words, the way is open for other punishments — and any plot against the fruits of the revolution, which were achieved by the shedding of blood of our young people, will be crushed without any compromise by the revolutionary courts."

Meanwhile the newspaper "Etelaat" reported that the former head of the Savak secret police in the northern city of Khomeini was executed early Wednesday. It said Lt.-Col. Massud Shafii was found to be "corrupt" for having armed groups of farmers and incited them to attack anti-Shah demonstrators last winter.

Monday's comments were made in a hearing in which the committee voted 9-0 to recommend the Senate confirm the nominations of Cutler as ambassador to Iran and Alfred Atherton as ambassador to Egypt.

His resignation followed pressure from parliamentarians who argue that the technocrats can go no further in cutting through Lebanon's tangle of conflicting political interests and it is now up to the funding political leaders to settle their differences.

## Islamic bank launched in Tehran today

TEHRAN, May 16 (R) — A new bank will be launched in revolutionary Iran Thursday and its main aim will not be making a profit, but to help low income Iranians and put the economy on a sound footing.

Some 800,000 shares of 1,000 Rials (\$14) will be offered for sale Thursday on the launching of the Islamic Bank of Iran, no one will be allowed to buy more than 1,000 shares.

One of the Bank's financial consultants Hussein Almasi, the bank would seek only to make enough money to cover its expenses.

The announced aims are to help poorer Iranians put the country's economy on a sound footing, and "answer the needs of the Islamic republic and society."

Although the bank's backers say it does not have any special relationship with Ayatollah Khomeini's strict Islamic administration, it is being allowed to sell shares through the state bank on a religious

basis.

The official Emirates News Agency said Venezuelan Mines and Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti made the statement on his departure for Qatar after a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates.

The minister was quoted as saying:

"The Venezuelan government is now studying the application of a surcharge, which is expected to be announced shortly. The increase will be 60 cents a barrel."

Calderon Berti recalled that Venezuela had added a premium of \$1.20 a barrel on April 1.

An official report issued in Caracas Tuesday said that Venezuela had lost about \$3 billion in five years because of the decline in the value of the U.S. currency and increased import costs.

Calderon Berti, also proposed the establishment of an \$800 million fund, to help developing countries meet their balance of payment deficits.

He made the proposal during his meeting with the UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Tuesday, the agency said.

The agency added that Berti announced his proposal will be considered during next month's regular bi-annual ministerial

## U.S. mobile military force under study

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)

— U.S. Sen. Joseph Biden (Dem.-Del.) said Tuesday he has received reports the Carter administration is considering creating a 100,000 man mobile military force to help protect U.S. interests overseas, including the Gulf.

A State Department witness declined to confirm the reports but said, "there is a place in our diplomacy for a military presence."

The witness, Walter Cutler, ambassador designate to Iran, said that the presence of such a force could at times be quite reassuring for countries that feel threatened and add to regional stability.

"A decision to move in that direction has to be very carefully considered," Cutler told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In hearings in April Secretary of Defense Harold Brown told the committee no decision had been made on "a U.S. military presence" in the Gulf, including the possibility of stationing warships there.

"We have not made a policy decision to increase our permanent presence in the region," Brown said. "we have not adopted the policy that we are not going to have a military presence."

But he added "if Sandi Arabi were threatened in a major war from outside the region, U.S. security interests would be involved and we would be prepared to offset the threat."

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## Fahd: No M.E. peace without Arab rights

ROME, May 16 (Agencies) — Crown Prince Fahd reiterated Wednesday that there can be no peace in the Middle East without the restoration of Arab and Palestinian rights.

Speaking at a press conference here following a meeting with Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, Prince Fahd said Palestinian rights to a homeland and repatriation are essential for a lasting settlement.

The Crown Prince arrived in the Italian capital Wednesday from West Germany where he held talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Wednesday's meeting with the Italian premier was attended by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and Saudi ambassador to Italy Sheikh Khaled Al-Nasser.

Prince Fahd told reporters that the just nature of the Arab cause is something no sensible man can ignore, and that this nature should be sufficient to make the cause "clear and appreciated."

### New reconciliation bid

## Lebanese cabinet resigns

BEIRUT, May 16 (Agencies)

— The Lebanese government of Premier Salim Hoss resigned Wednesday, paving the way for yet another attempt to weld the country's feuding politicians together in a new national unity administration.

But the reconciliation attempt faced major problems after four years of civil strife that have turned Lebanon into a patchwork of fiefdoms beyond the control of a debilitated central government.

Hoss, a 49-year-old economist with no political party affiliations, has led a technocrats' administration for the past two-and-a-half years. It has proved to be Lebanon's most durable government since independence from France in 1943.

His resignation followed pressure from parliamentarians who argue that the technocrats can go no further in cutting through Lebanon's tangle of conflicting political interests and it is now up to the funding political leaders to settle their differences.

As the search for a new government got under way, Lebanon and Syria said they have found a common approach to restoring stability to Lebanon.

But no details of the reported agreement have been released after the Assad-Sarkis summit

"Bilateral or other agreements which do not take these rights into consideration will fail," he said. "The Kingdom harbors no malice and will contribute effectively to the peace process if a just and fair approach is adopted."

The prince expressed hopes that the international community would deal with the question "in a manner that would persuade the Arabs and Muslims that it is being fairly and justly considered."

Thanking the Italian government for its hospitality, Prince Fahd said his talks with the premier dealt with "topics of mutual interest."

Andreotti opened the press conference by welcoming the Prince and bairing Sandi-Italian relations and Italian appreciation for the Saudi international policy. He said that Italy is committed to the U.N. and the European Economic Community decisions regarding the Middle East problem. He said he briefed Prince Fahd on what steps Italy would take within the EEC to help restore stability "to this sensitive part of the world."

In his letter of resignation accepted by President Elias Sarkis, the premier said he had decided to step down after the adoption of a defense law which provided for rebuilding the Lebanese army.

Another factor was the start of army deployment in the volatile south of the country, he said.

Hoss said he had not resigned earlier for fear that the move would lead to a vacuum if a new government could not take office quickly.

The announcement followed a summit meeting during the past two days between President Sarkis and President Hafez Assad of Syria, which has a 22,000-man peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

There was speculation here that Hoss might stay on as premier while contacts are held between the various political groups. But the independent weekly magazine "Al Jambur" quoted Hoss Wednesday as saying he would not return to power.

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But the officials said, no dramatic results should be expected from the unity plan because of political, personal and structural differences between and within the two parties.

Their gun-law mentality led to the three days of fighting in the Ain Rmimah suburb of east Beirut that precipitated the announcement of the unity plan, the officials said.

But, the officials said, no dramatic results should be expected from the unity plan because of political, personal and structural differences between and within the two parties.



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# West reforming perception of Islam, oil minister says

WASHINGTON, May 16 (SPA) — The West has begun to correct its understanding of Islam as a religion and way of life although there are still attempts to present a distorted picture, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources, told an audience here Tuesday.

Sheikh Ahmad, a noted Sharia scholar, was addressing a gathering at the Smithsonian Institute here. He said that the West had started to correct its perception of the precepts of Islam and to understand the force that kept the religion alive through "the difficult years the Muslim world has undergone."

The minister said that the Islamic order was characterized by flexibility and a far-sighted attitude and had, in fact, preceded European society in guaranteeing human rights.

Islamic law, for example, vouchsafed women the right to administer their own property — a right which Western women have only recently enjoyed, he said. "By granting such human rights at its foundation, Islamic society preceded the United Nations Charter by 1400 years. Further, Islam made provisions for social



Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

Sheikh Ahmad said. It organizes the relationship between mankind and his Creator, between the individual and society, between the Ruler and his subjects and between the Islamic state and the outside world.

The minister said he was confident that Islam would continue deeply rooted in the hearts of Muslims. As evidence, he pointed to attempts by the Soviet government to diminish the role of Islam in the Central Asian Islamic Republics. "Despite the attacks of the Soviet government, Islam has not been rooted out but, in fact, remains as strong as ever," he said.

Christian missionaries had attempted to present a distorted picture of Islam in the West but Muslims remain guided by their belief in God, His Angels, His Books and His Messengers.

With its deep roots in Muslim hearts and its flexibility and vision Islam is capable of Renaissance which will usher in a new civilization for the whole world, he said.

Islamic seminar planned

RIYADH, May 16 (SPA) — A second seminar on relations between Islamic civilization and the West will be held here Sunday evening at Riyadh University, it was learned Wednesday.

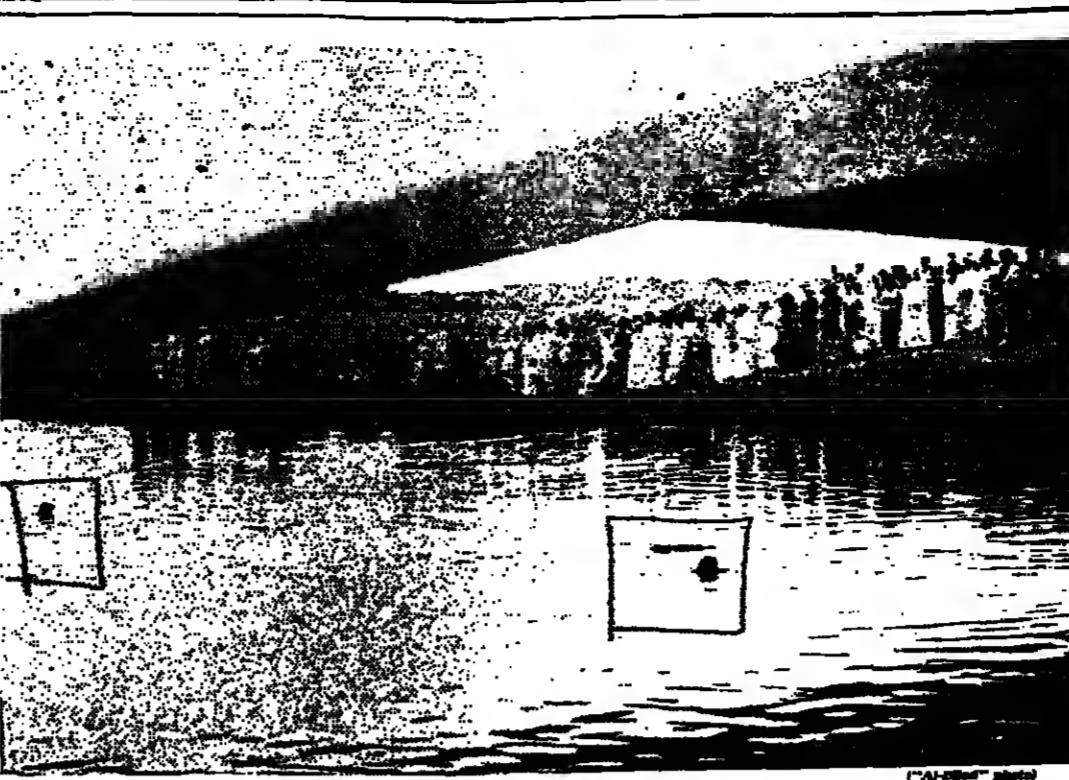
The Spanish Ambassador in Saudi Arabia Jose Antonio Acebal and Turkish Ambassador Fikri Bereket will speak.

Saudi speakers will include Dr. Mahmoud Safa, deputy minister of higher education, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Hilabi, acting dean of literature at the University and Dr. Mustafa Al-Dughaita, director of research at the Meteorological Department.

## Nigerian trade delegation seeks Saudi investment

JEDDAH, May 16 — A Nigerian provincial trade delegation has arrived in the Kingdom to seek Saudi joint venture partners in agricultural and industrial schemes in Nigeria, according to Nigerian Ambassador Al-Hajj Muhammadu Sanusi Kontagora.

The group is led by Victoria Wimlijiwa, provincial commerce



DIVERS : A crowd gathers under the new Lagoon bridge in downtown Jeddah to watch Civil Defense divers retrieve the bodies of the drowned men.

## Two drown in sea off Jeddah

JEDDAH, May 16 — Two men were drowned under the new bridge between the Arabian Lagoon and the sea in downtown Jeddah Tuesday, according to "Al-Bilad".

Divers of the Civil Defense Department retrieved the bodies of Abu Sadiq Nur Ali, a Burmese who fell in while fishing with his father, and Ahmad Hassan Al-Amri, a Saudi.

It was not immediately clear how Amri's body had come to be in the sea, Civil Defense officials said.

Algoosaibi says

## Kingdom viewing aid for Tunis

TUNIS, May 16 — Economic cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, which has not been spectacular in recent years, is on the increase, according to Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algoosaibi.

Dr. Algoosaibi, who is in Tunis for an extraordinary session of the Arab Industrial Development

Center, told the Tunisian news agency that the Saudi government was studying a number of projects in Tunisia for Saudi development aid.

Since 1976, Tunisia has received four concessionary loans, totalling \$ 157 million, from the Saudi Development Fund.

Another \$ 20 million was given as a direct grant in 1975 to help develop the Tunisian educational system.

Private-sector investment by Saudi Arabia in Tunisia has so far been confined to a cement plant built with equity participation by the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank, in which the Kingdom is the major shareholder.

The Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (Apicorp), an OAPEC agency based in Al-Khobar, has also provided finance

for the development of Tunisian oil-fields. At its annual general meeting last week, Apicorp committed further funds for oil exploitation and recovery in Tunisia and for expansion work at the country's major refinery.

Resort hamlet near Taif gets over SR 1 billion

JEDDAH, May 16 — The small town of Hada, a resort just west of Taif, has received over SR 1 billion in development funds, according to Governor Sheikh Saad Al-Ibrahim. The weekly Saudi Economic Survey quoted the governor as saying that a further SR 1 billion has been earmarked for important schemes. A model master plan has been drawn up which includes plans for a large hospital.

## Paper reports State-aided students to return from Egypt

JEDDAH, May 16 — The government is likely to recall Saudis studying at state expense in Egypt because of the new climate of relations between the two countries, according to "Al-Jazirah" newspaper Tuesday.

The move would affect some 4,000 students at universities and technical training institutes in Egypt, according to a recent assessment by the Saudi Educational Guidance Office in Cairo which supervises state scholars students.

Quoting informed sources, "Al-Jazirah" said that the government would not take a final decision until after the final examinations next month. But it said that the government was already studying alternatives for the students — either at Saudi universities or at universities in the United States and England.

But the newspaper said that it has already been decided to disband the Educational Guidance Office and to withdraw Educational Counsellor Abdul Aziz Abdullab Al-Abdan, Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Abdul Rahman Abu Al-Khalil has already left Egypt after the decision to break off diplomatic relations last month.

The office provided the stu-

### Cigarette-shaped pens banned

MECCA, May 16 — Prince Khaled ibn Fahd ibn Khaled, deputy minister of education, has banned the use of pens that look like cigarettes and pipes in schools throughout the country according to "Okaz" Wednesday. He also urged the Customs authorities to forbid the import of such pens.

### Naif arrives in Sudair

JOWF, May 16 (SPA) — Minister of the Interior Prince Naif Wednesday for Baghdad to attend the Arab seminar on science and technology which is to be held from the 19th to 21st May. Dr. Reza Obaid, director of the National Center for Science and Technology is leading the delegation.

### Dacca officials due in Jeddah

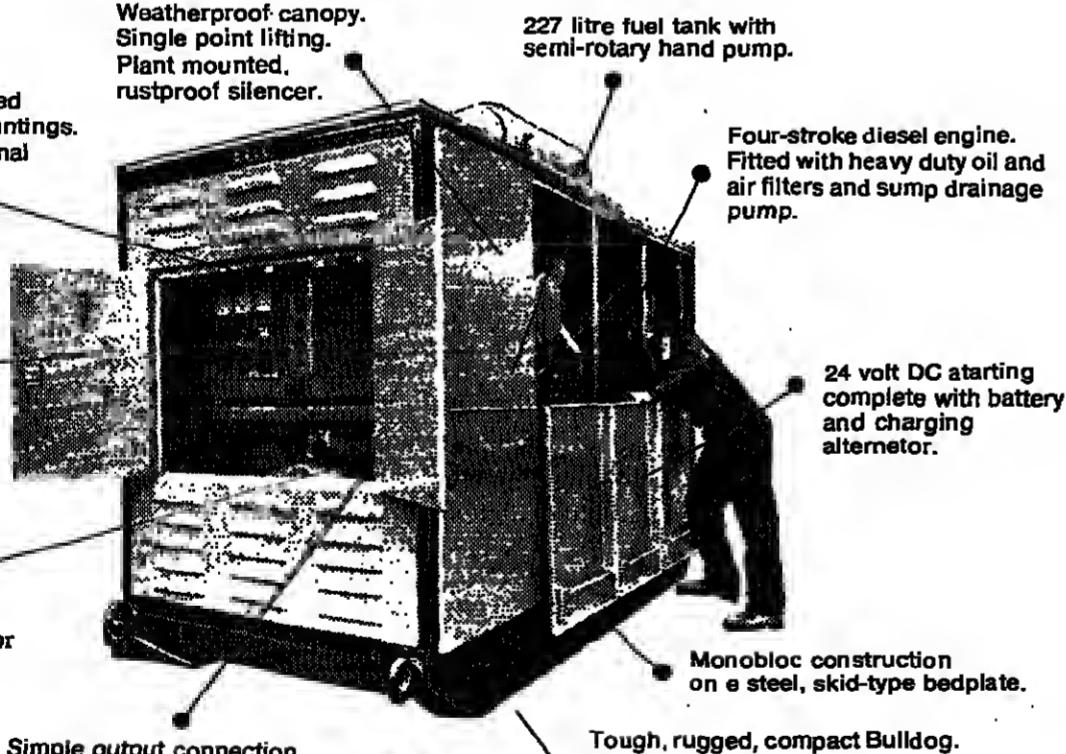
RIYADH, May 16 (SPA) — Bangladesh Foreign Minister Muhammad Shams-ul-Haq left here for Jeddah Wednesday. A.V. Yahya, deputy minister of the Local Self Government, Rural Development and Cooperation, left with him.

TRADE FAIR : Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz opened a South Korean trade exhibition Tuesday. Fourteen companies are represented at the fair, half of which are heavy industrial firms. The group has had exhibitions in Riyadh and Dammam and will be in Jeddah at the Chamber of Commerce until May 20.

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## U.S. denies Turkey linking spy flights to Soviet okay

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP) — A report that Turkey insists on Moscow's approval before allowing U.S. spy planes into its airspace to monitor Soviet compliance with the SALT II treaty is "not correct," according to a top State Department official.

But Deputy Secretary Warren Christopher, just back from talks with Turkish leaders, declined to go beyond that general denial when pressed for specifics on Turkey's position.

Christopher appeared Tuesday before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East to push for the administration's proposed \$ 150 million in supplemental economic and military aid for Turkey.

Asked by Chairman Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., if it were true that Turkey, in effect, was offering Moscow a veto on American U-2

surveillance flights, Christopher said that, "beyond replying with a simple negative," he could not publicly discuss the issue.

Hamilton cited a "New York Times" story that said the Turkish Foreign Ministry, to the consternation of the Carter administration, had confirmed that any U.S. attempts to fly U-2s near the Russian border would have to be cleared with the Soviets.

Carter administration officials told Congress last month that, in light of the loss of two electronic listening posts in Iran, it was considering flights over Turkey to monitor Soviet missile test firings at the Baikonur launching site at Leninsk.

According to accounts in the Turkish press, President Jimmy Carter sent a three-page letter to Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit explaining the need for such

flights.

In Ankara, Ecevit praised the SALT II pact Tuesday, but he said Turkey could not decide whether to grant permission for the U-2 flights before the Soviet Union and the United States finalize the treaty.

The "Times" pointed to a subsequent statement by the foreign ministry which said, "it is only natural that Turkey takes into consideration its own security and relations with its neighbors."

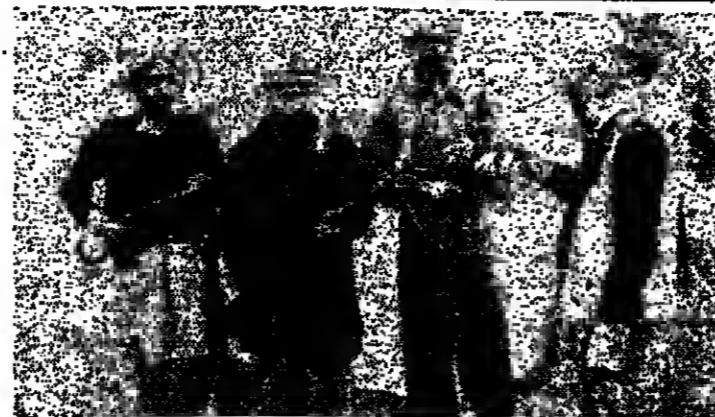
Christopher repeatedly begged off when members of the House panel asked what information he had that would contravene the impression left by the published report.

"I have indicated the story is not correct," he said. "But I must ask that we not start down the road, in open session, on intelligence matters."

At another point, when asked if Turkish officials had not shown some "hostility" toward the United States, Christopher said, "I have not found them demanding anything beyond what is reasonable in their circumstances."

Christopher told the subcommittee the requests for an additional \$ 100 million in economic support for Turkey in fiscal 1979, along with \$ 50 million in added military assistance for fiscal 1980, "respond to urgent needs and are directly related to vital national security interests of the United States."

"Turkey's economic crisis continues to worsen," he said.



REBELS : Picture shows a group of Afghan rebels who are seeking to topple the pro-Communist government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki. Travelers from Afghanistan say that the rebels clashed with a convoy of government supporters and executed the men among them in the besieged town of Khost near the Pakistan border.

## Taraki supporters said slain by rebels

ISLAMABAD, May 16 (R) — Muslim rebels besieging a town in eastern Afghanistan captured most of a convoy of fleeing government supporters and executed the men among them after summary roadside trials, travelers from Afghanistan say.

The besieged town is Khost near the Pakistan border in Paktia province.

It has a major airstrip, a garrison of about 10,000 troops and has been under siege for three weeks by rebels trying to topple the pro-Communist government of President Nur Muhammad Taraki.

The report of the roadside executions could not be independently verified. No date was given.

According to travelers, members of the ruling Khalq (People's) Party tried to break out of Khost in 20 army lorries. Twelve lorries were captured, the men were tried on the spot, lined up and shot, while their women and children were taken captive, the reports said.

The Afghan insurrection broke out soon after President Taraki seized power in a coup a year ago.

Rebels fear that the government intends to impose atheism on Afghanistan's Muslim society, and the rebellion has been fanned by the regime's efforts to break down feudal society with land and education reforms.

Major opposition groups say they are not opposed to land reform and would not try to reverse it.

"It is just that Taraki has chosen the wrong political platform and we would do it in the name of Islam," an exile spokesman said.

## Pro-Palestine meet opens in Syria

DAMASCUS, May 16 (R) — The third international trade union conference for solidarity with the workers and people of Palestine opened here Tuesday with attacks on the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Syrian President Hafez Assad was represented at the meeting by Mahmoud Hadid, speaker of the People's Council (parliament). Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Khaled Fahoum, speaker of the Palestine National Council also attended.

## MOSCOW names new envoy to Syria

MOSCOW, May 16 (R) — The Soviet Union has appointed career diplomat Vladimir Yukhin its new ambassador to Syria following the transfer of Yuri Chernyakov to another post, Tass news agency has reported.

## North Yemen to get FAO aid

ROME, May 16 (R) — North Yemen will receive emergency food aid worth \$ 1.1 million from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). A FAO statement Wednesday said the shipment of wheat, flour, canned cheese and meat is to help feed 48,000 people displaced as result of hostilities with the neighboring South.

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## Bomb defused in Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, May 16 (Agencies) — Police sappers dismantled a commando bomb in Jerusalem Wednesday morning, Israel radio reported.

The bomb was concealed in a briefcase abandoned beside a telephone booth in the Geula area. A woman pedestrian alerted

police to the unclaimed bag, the radio said.

Israelis are on high alert to bomb threats, and warnings to watch for suspicious objects are repeated often on radio and television.

Meanwhile, five Palestinian youths suspected of attacking an

Israeli soldier with razor blades were arrested by Israeli security forces Tuesday on the occupied West Bank of Jordan.

The soldier, who was found in a narrow lane in Bethlehem, said he had been beaten unconscious by a number of youths and then severely cut with razor blades Monday.

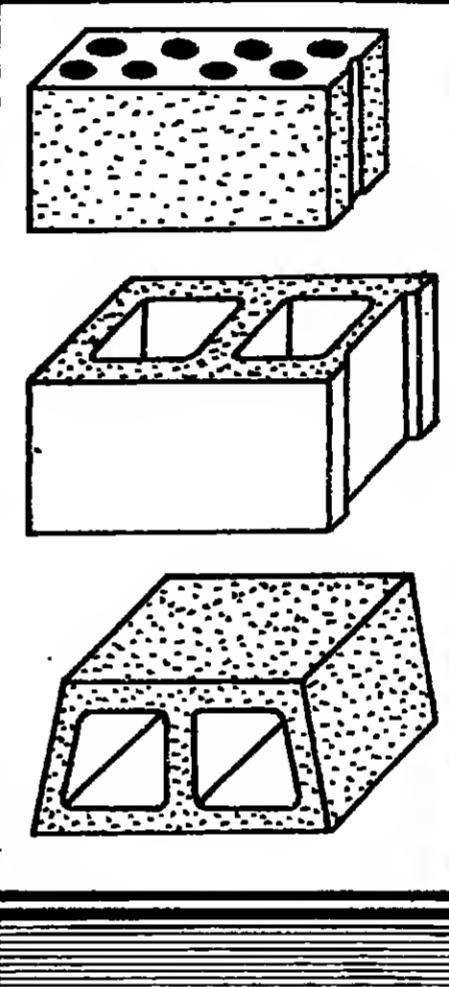


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**Puts pressure on Carter**

## Senate votes to end Rhodesia ban

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP) — The U.S. Senate has voted overwhelmingly to call on him to resume trading links and imposed a deadline.

The decision Tuesday night came only five days before Secretary of State Cyrus Vance flies to London for talks with British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, in which Rhodesia is high on

the agenda.

Britain has already launched a new peace initiative for Rhodesia, but a well-placed Rhodesian government source says the former British colony is pinning its peace hopes on the American initiative.

Sir Anthony Duff, No. 2 in the British Foreign Office, Wednesday began meetings with

Rhodesian officials in Salisbury. A Rhodesian government insider, referring to Duff's visit, said, "This visit at this time is a waste of time." The official declined to be identified.

Duff was sent by newly elected Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Her party promised before the British election to lift sanctions and recognize Rhodesia if the Rhodesian elections were found to have been fairly conducted.

However, under pressure from black member nations of the British Commonwealth, she said Tuesday that no firm decisions on Rhodesia would be made until after a Commonwealth meeting in the Zambian capital of Lusaka in August.

Up to now, Britain and the United States had pursued a common policy on Rhodesia — rejecting the elections because black nationalist guerrillas were not involved.

But several Americans who observed the Rhodesian voting proclaimed them fair and the Carter administration subsequently has been under pressure to change its policy.

The Senate vote was only advisory, but it increased the pressure on the Carter administration to recognize the validity of the black majority rule elections in Rhodesia.

The Senate told Carter that it is not prepared to wait for long.

By a vote of 75 to 19, it called on the president to decide within 10 days of the installation of the new black majority government that Rhodesia had met the criteria for lifting the sanctions and that they should no longer be enforced.

The vote does not compel him to lift the sanctions but makes it clear that if he does not, then Congress may do so.



## Red Cross arranges early China-Vietnam war prisoner swap

GENEVA, May 16 (AP) — The first exchange of prisoners captured by Vietnam and China during their recent border war will take place next Monday, two days earlier than reported, the International Committee of the Red Cross has announced.

An ICRC statement Tuesday said the two sides have agreed to start the repatriation program May 21, slightly revising a previous report date of May 19. A request to have the Geneva-based ICRC act as mediator in the exchange has been accepted, the statement added.

It said the initial exchange would only involve the wounded and the sick and that the prisoners would re-enter their homelands at the Sino-Vietnamese frontier.

The statement said that local Red Cross officials stationed in both countries would cooperate in the exchange. "The International Committee of the Red Cross, also invited to attend, will send representatives to each of the parties," it said.

The statement did not say how many prisoners from each side would be handed over or how many ICRC delegates would monitor the operation.

But ICRC spokeswoman Francois Bory said the figure would probably be between 100 and 200.

She said it was not known how the repatriation program would afterwards proceed. "We would like to think that eventually, all prisoners held by both sides will be released. But this, of course, is ultimately up to the countries themselves."

China has said it wants to free "unilaterally" about 1,000 Vietnamese captured during the fighting, with the first group of about 100 to be handed over at a

point between Friendship Pass and Dong Dang.

The Red Cross statement added, meanwhile, that three of its delegates who flew to Peking earlier this month have so far visited a total of 1,620 Vietnamese prisoners.

The statement said the ICRC delegates saw detainees in six camps and a hospital.

It added that Vietnam had now also granted permission for "all Chinese prisoners" it is holding also to be visited by the Red Cross. "ICRC delegates will therefore shortly join the permanent delegate in Hanoi for these temporary missions," the statement concluded.

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, a high-ranking Vietnamese official said Vietnam will withdraw its troops from Cambodia if China cuts off its aid to the guerrilla forces of ousted Premier Pol Pot.

Tuesday's statement was made to Japanese reporters by Nguyen Van Linh, president of the general federation of Vietnamese labor unions who is visiting Japan at the invitation of the Japanese labor unions. He is a politburo member of the Vietnam Workers' (Communist) Party.

About Vietnamese troop offensives in Cambodia, Van Linh said "We, for our self-defense, were forced to attack Pol Pot aggressors supported by Chinese Peking authorities in the Cambodian territory."

"If China suspends its assistance to Pol Pot forces, there will be no reason for Vietnamese troops to stay in Cambodia," he said.

On the Sino-Vietnamese border conflicts, he accused China of preparing for "another aggression of Vietnam," he did not elaborate.

## Asia refugee center plan arouses little enthusiasm

JAKARTA, May 16 (AP) — Several European nations have adopted a wait-and-see attitude toward setting up new processing centers for refugees from Indochina.

Two of these processing points have been proposed on islands offered by Indonesia and the Philippines at a two-day refugee conference here. The centers

would prepare refugees for resettlement in their new homelands.

"My government does not feel that it would be in a position to pledge any specific support for the processing centers project at this stage, but is interested in following the way the project idea takes concrete form, after further due surveys etc." Swedish Ambassador Knut Gransjedt told the meeting Tuesday.

Several delegates said their governments could not be committed to taking extra refugees from the centers.

Marcel van Roey, Belgium's ambassador to Indonesia, said "although my authorities have given their moral support to the Indonesian proposal of establishing a processing center, they do not intend to use the processing facilities for any of the refugees they accepted or may accept and who are bound for permanent settlement in Belgium."

Belgium had already taken in or agreed to accept almost 3,500 refugees, he said.

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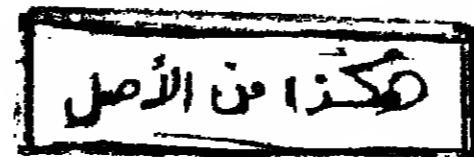
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world's largest reprocessing plant

## V. Germans cancel huge nuclear complex

ANOVER, West Germany, May 16 (R) — The Lower Saxon government Tuesday rejected a proposal to build the world's largest commercial nuclear complex, sources said.

He sources said the government decided not to allow construction of a nuclear reprocessing plant at the village of Gorleben on the German border.

He would, however, give provisional authorization for an underground nuclear dump at the same

site. The 11-billion mark (\$ 6 billion) complex has been strongly opposed by environmentalists, farmers, trade unionists and

## Iran would reenter dark ages after nuclear war, study says

ASHINGTON, May 16 (R) — All but 75 million of the 220 million people living in the United States could be killed in an all-out nuclear attack and survivors would live in economic conditions equivalent to the Middle Ages, according to a congressional study.

U.S. counter-strike against military and urban-industrial sites in the Soviet Union might result in less deaths in that country than would still "remove that from a position of power influence for the remainder of

churchmen.

The sources said the Christian Democrat state government decided against the reprocessing plant because of the political opposition to the complex.

The decision, taken at a cabinet meeting Tuesday, was to be officially announced Wednesday by state premier Ernst Albrecht.

His announcement will be broadcast live on national television.

The sources said Albrecht informed the Christian Democrat deputies in the state assembly of the cabinet's decision. He rejected reprocessing because the Social Democratic Party (SPD) was

ambivalent about nuclear energy, the sources added.

Albrecht has always made clear that he did not want to carry the full political responsibility for the controversial project.

He said that he would not approve the project if it did not have the backing of the SPD, and last month the Lower Saxon SPD decided to oppose the complex.

Gorleben has become the symbol of a bitter debate in West Germany over nuclear energy.

Opposition to nuclear plants is widespread, and one recent opinion poll showed that 61 percent of those questioned opposed the construction of any more atomic power stations.

Permits are given only if provisions have been made for dealing with the nuclear waste.

At present West Germany has contracts to send its nuclear waste to reprocessing in France's Cap la Hague plant.

The reported decision of the Lower Saxon government brings West Germany into line with the United States, where the administration of President Jimmy Carter has opposed reprocessing.

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It added, however, in the months and years after a limited nuclear strike the death toll could double through starvation and lack of shelter and medical services.

the century," it says.

The 148-page study on the outcome of a nuclear war was prepared as background information for members of Congress in advance of the coming debate on the new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) with the Soviet Union.

Officials of the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, which prepared the report, issued parts of it Tuesday but the full document will not be released until later.

The report said that even a

limited Soviet nuclear attack aimed at U.S. strategic nuclear targets which are mostly far removed from cities, could cause as many as 20 million deaths.

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## PRICE FREEZE?

Crown Prince Fahd and Petroleum Minister Yamani apparently assured their different Western audiences Tuesday that Saudi Arabia will work for an oil price freeze at the June OPEC meeting in Venezuela. West German television stations reported Prince Fahd's talks with Chancellor Schmidt included an assurance that the Kingdom would try and hold prices where they are; Sheikh Yamani told a group of American reporters in Washington that Saudi Arabia "will work very hard" to keep prices at the level agreed two months ago in Geneva.

There are those in the West who are still convinced that, as far as the Venezuelan meeting is concerned, the Saudi position pretty well settles the result. After all, OPEC's largest producer has declared itself behind a freeze. Won't the others have to fall in line?

Probably not. And this is an answer that should be, but isn't well understood in the West by now. Tuesday's statements did not say Saudi Arabia can unilaterally prevent a price increase. They did not say Saudi Arabia would, if necessary, increase production to counter any increase that might be agreed at the Venezuela meeting.

Quite the opposite. To quote Sheikh Yamani: "Since supply cannot and should not go up, it is consumption which will make all the difference. It is your duty," he told his American audience, "as a consumer, to reduce the consumption to the lowest possible level. If you do this, then not only the price of oil will not go up, it might even go down a little."

Consumption hasn't gone down; it has gone up in the United States. The American motorist, like his counterpart in Congress, seems content to urge Saudi Arabia on in an OPEC battleground that will be determined at the gas pumps of Omaha rather than the conference tables of Caracas.

Why, for that matter, should Saudi Arabia "fight" for an oil price freeze? For too many years, the Kingdom has been cast in an antagonist's role with its fellow OPEC members. At least in part, this is the fault of the Western media's handling of OPEC meetings. Drama requires heroes and villains, however much a distortion that is of actual OPEC conclaves.

"We are hopeful," Sheikh Yamani said, "that the price of oil will not go up and we will work very hard to keep it as it is now. But, definitely, Saudi Arabia alone cannot do much."

If the market continues to work against a price freeze — which, at the moment, it is still doing — the Kingdom can do little about another price hike. It is clear that Saudi Arabia has no intention of raising its own production again, for sound domestic reasons. Others within OPEC have already made plain their feeling that prices should rise at Caracas.

The point of all this is that Saudi Arabia does not determine the world price of oil. It is the consumer who plays that role at present. Lower consumption will lead to a price freeze in Caracas, not a headline writer's mythical fight between equally mythical heroes and villains.

"The petroleum crisis in some parts of the United States brings to mind the shortage resulting from the Arab embargo of 1973 on those states, including the U.S. which supported Israel," "Al-Medina" said.

"After the embargo was lifted the government of Saudi Arabia adopted a policy of moderation and prudence even at the expense of increased and legitimate royalties. But it chose to help the world and maintain its economic well-being, hoping that the industrial world will understand the suffering of the Arab people on account of continued Israeli imperialism, Israeli occupation of their lands and their desecration of the holy places. But all that we hear are promises to try once more to find a solution and we continue to persuade our friends the oil producers to act moderately with regard to prices."

"Now we have no intention, as Prince Fahd said, of doing any-

## Limits of Vietnam's power

By Keyes Beech

BANGKOK —

Four years ago as conquering North Vietnamese troops marched into Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), there was an almost audible sigh of relief — mixed with grief — that the agony was over.

Whatever the future held, many intelligent people reasoned, at least the killing had stopped. The Americans were out of it. History would now take its course.

Today the killing goes on, but with a vital difference. For the same reasons that nations have always fought — national interest, pride, power, old hatreds — Asian Communists are killing Asian Communists.

As always, Vietnam is at stage center.

Hanoi's pith-helmeted fighting men in their baggy green uniforms now stand on the border of Thailand after blitzing their way across a one-time ally, Cambodia, and driving the homicidal Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge troops into jungle hideout. In "liberated" South Vietnam, Hanoi's troops stand guard over a sullen, embittered population. In Hanoi, even as Vietnam and China talked peace, there were ominous signs of a new outbreak of warfare along their border.

All of which raises this question: What are the limits of Vietnam's power? Specifically, North Vietnam's power since the southern half of the country is untrustworthy?

"It is a question that every serious student of Indochina should be thinking about," a Bangkok-based European diplomat said. "It is the central question."

"Grant that the Vietnamese Communists think they are somebody special, which they are. Grant that they defeated the French and fought the Americans to a stalemate, until they finally gave up and went home. Grant that they thrive on adversity. Grant that they have been fighting for more than 30 years. Grant that they fight boldly and with daring."

"But finally you must ask yourself these questions: At what point do they stop? At what point, in their arrogance, do they over-extend themselves? At what point do they snap? Or do they?"

At times, listening to Hanoi's domestic broadcasts, it is easy to imagine that the country is on the verge of collapse. The party leadership complains of a sluggish bureaucracy, slothful cadre, corruption in high and low places, wholesale bribery and various and sundry other counter-revolutionary crimes.

The economy, Hanoi admits, is in shambles. Natural disasters, gross mismanagement, the strains of fighting two wars and keeping watch on resentful South Vietnamese have combined to create a serious food shortage.

A country that ought to be exporting rice cannot feed itself. American experts estimate that Hanoi will have to import three million tons of rice this year. Where it will get it is by no means clear.

But Southeast Asia hands have heard these stories of impending disaster before and are skeptical. "If wishful thinking could kill," An American with long service in Vietnam said, "we would have won the war."

Diplomatic observers search in vain for signs of a crack in Hanoi's facade. If Hanoi's aging party leadership, one of the most durable governments in the world, is under any strain, no signs have been detected.

"They are just as stubborn and uncompromising as they ever were," one analyst said.

But some European and Asian diplomats, taking a fresh look at Vietnam, wonder.

"All of us are groping in the dark for clues," A European said, "but I think there are some things worth keeping in mind. One is that war is not man's natural state — not even for the Vietnamese. There has to come a point when even they will get fed up with war, even though the leadership seems as addicted to war as an alcoholic is to the bottle. Another thing to remember is that the Vietnamese are not, as you Americans say, 10 feet tall. The fact is, they have never been up against a first-class enemy with the will to win. Technologically speaking, the Americans were a first-class enemy, but you lacked the will to win. The same was true of the French."

If there is to be any dramatic change in Vietnam's posture, most Vietnam-watchers agree, it will come from within. External force such as China's damaging invasion and the demands of the Cambodian war could contribute to change, but they would not be decisive.

"It is a cliche that in a Communist state the party controls the gun," one Indochina-watcher observed. "But who is to say that the gun cannot be turned against the party leadership if enough people lose faith in it?"

"Who knows what goes on in the minds of the young officers? Who, for that matter, knows what thoughts are in the minds of the North Vietnamese after so many years of war? Just because the present party leadership had been in power for more than 30 years doesn't mean that it won't crack. In many ways, the leadership is under greater stress today than at any time in its history."

"Liberated" South Vietnam may yet be Hanoi's Achilles' heel. If half of what Vietnamese refugees say can be believed — and there is evidence that much of it can be believed — there is a growing resistance movement in the Mekong Delta.

A 40-year-old former schoolteacher and ex-captain in the South Vietnamese army who recently escaped from Vietnam with three younger men looked proudly at his companions and said: "I wouldn't be here except for them. They are former students of mine."

According to his story, more than 100 resistance fighters, including many former students of his, shot their way into a "re-education camp" where he was confined, and rescued him and four other ex-officers.

Some resistance groups, he said, can muster up to 200 armed men. One of their favorite bases is in the U Minh forest, a mangrove swamp at the top of the Camau peninsula and a Viet Cong lair during the Vietnam war.

The resistance fighters, if they can be called that, operate in small units of 5 to 15 men. Many are former students, it is said, and their leaders are generally former South Vietnamese army officers from elite special forces, or airborne units that went into hiding rather than surrender to the Communists in 1975.

"There is no lack of recruits," the former teacher said, "but weapons are a limiting factor. Many young men who want to join the resistance are told to go back to their villages and wait until there are guns for them."

Asked how additional weapons were obtained, the refugee leader said, "the same way the Viet Cong got theirs at the beginning. By attacking government outposts." (LAT)



## Soviets stuck in Afghanistan

By Jonatha Randal

KABUL — The Soviet Union is clearly worried about getting bogged down in a Vietnam-style quagmire in this rugged country where rebels are killing dozens of their advisers.

At the same time, the Soviets are reacting in almost the same way as the United States when it first got involved in Vietnam in the early 1960s.

Top Soviet generals flew here last month to assess the situation, and soon after, Moscow poured in more arms to a government that has alienated vast numbers of its citizens and whose army is increasingly unwilling to fight.

Diplomats here take it for granted that only Soviet economic, military, political and diplomatic support keeps the year-old Afghan government in power against the assault of Islamic-oriented rebels.

"By the same token," a diplomat said, "The Soviet option to pull out entirely is no longer available. They are stuck."

Even Soviet diplomats here now make the comparison with Vietnam. The stakes are even higher for the Soviets in Afghanistan, moreover, than they were for the Americans in Indochina.

Afghanistan borders on the Soviet Union, and if Moscow were forced to withdraw in disgrace, it would set an all-too-obvious example for their own Muslim republics — already aware of resurgent Islam in Iran — of pulling back in the face of rebellion.

The Soviets have anchored their presence here with massive amounts of military hardware, 1,200 to 2,000 military advisers and financial backing — all of which are considered more than adequate against a divided, ill-coordinated opposition suffering from a dearth of outside help in arms and money.

Some diplomats are convinced the Soviets will win if they can hang on for just another year. "Nothing will dislodge them then," one diplomat insisted.

Other analysts are not so sure.

"With an army unwilling to stand and fight and given to mutiny," a diplomat said, "the Afghans can hold Kabul and most big towns, but in the countryside the fighting could go on for three or four years."

Only opposition leaders based in Pakistan were rash enough to predict the government's downfall during the recent celebrations marking the first anniversary of the revolution that brought Nur Muhammad Taraki, Hafizullah Amin and their Khalq (masses) branch of the divided Communist Party to power on April 27, 1978.

What is astounding is how the Afghans and the Soviets have so completely alienated a population which just a year ago was as willing as many Western powers were to give them the benefit of the doubt.

That open-mindedness was prompted by hopes the revolutionaries would retain some semblance of traditional Afghan nationalism and carry out long overdue reforms in one of the world's poorest countries.

Within months, however, the new government began rubbing its citizens the wrong way by insisting on foisting a red flag on a deeply Islamic nation, ramming home reforms and arresting thousands. "They have succeeded in only one thing — alienating every layer of society," one diplomat said.

Today the Taraki government is faced with sporadic resistance in almost every province of this mountainous and remote country, in addition to a permanent insurgency in the east, where the writ of the central government has always been contested.

"The Soviets must wake up at night and wish for the good old days when they manipulated the government of Gen. Muhammad Daoud (ousted by Taraki in a bloody coup) without having to take responsibility for its do-nothing ways," a Westerner remarked.

Now, successive purges have eliminated followers of Daoud, the rival Parcham (banner) Communists, nationalists in and out of the armed forces, the crust-thin civil service and religious leaders. In addition, according to reliable accounts here, tens of thousands of ordinary Afghans have been imprisoned.

Surprisingly for a nation with a large Muslim population, the Soviets here proved as insusceptible as Americans and other Westerners were in neighboring Iran to the resurgence of Islam.

It is only recently that party chairman Taraki, 62, and his right-

## saudi press review

"The petroleum crisis in some parts of the United States brings to mind the shortage resulting from the Arab embargo of 1973 on those states, including the U.S. which supported Israel," "Al-Medina" said.

"After the embargo was lifted the government of Saudi Arabia adopted a policy of moderation and prudence even at the expense of increased and legitimate royalties. But it chose to help the world and maintain its economic well-being, hoping that the industrial world will understand the suffering of the Arab people on account of continued Israeli imperialism, Israeli occupation of their lands and their desecration of the holy places. But all that we hear are promises to try once more to find a solution and we continue to persuade our friends the oil producers to act moderately with regard to prices."

"Now we have no intention, as Prince Fahd said, of doing any-

thing that would hurt the world economy since this country is still morally bound to its commitments but it hopes to see Europe and the U.S. face their moral commitments with regard to the problem of the Middle East. The present situation in the region is little different from that of the colonial days."

The paper called on the world to show its understanding in a more meaningful and tangible way. And this is what the Kingdom's current diplomatic activity aims at."

Commenting on Prince Fahd's interview with the French newspaper "Le Monde," "Al-Bilad" said the prince reaffirmed the Kingdom's policy "which rejects imposed and external solutions but supports serious attempts at finding a just and comprehensive settlement beginning with a dialogue between the PLO and the U.S. and ending with complete Israeli withdrawal from the

occupied territories."

"The Kingdom realizes its responsibility towards national issues and involves itself closely with these issues although none of the occupied lands belong to it."

According to observers the signing of SALT II between the U.S. and the Soviet Union will not mean an end to the development of new weapons in either country," "Al-Bilad" said in a news analysis.

"Recently the U.S. signed an agreement with Turkey enabling it to eavesdrop on Soviet military movements. This shows that the agreement is meant for publicity purposes only as it reveals continuous American anxiety over Soviet intentions although the U.S. has achieved a noticeable superiority over the Soviet Union in recent years and the Soviet Union is trying hard to catch up."

"The government has also provided municipal and other services throughout the country to help eliminate shortages that obstruct the people's full enjoyment of opportunities open to them. This policy has led to a fast development in housing and in other public services in the wake of the unprecedented boom in economic activity and in construction."

In an editorial on the Crown

Prince's interview, "Al-Riyadh" said that the prince has urged the states concerned with peace to shoulder their responsibilities if they desire real peace.

"It would be more useful for the United States to have contacts with the PLO in the same way that the previous administration opened talks with China and overcame all other considerations. Europe and other countries should understand that the American initiative has run its course and is facing a deadlock and the required solution lies in the Baghdad summit resolutions and those of the Fez Islamic foreign ministers conference."

"The United States has to

Admission increased

## Restoring the Giza pyramids

By Lisette Balouy

CAIRO — One of the estimated 2.3 million stones on the famed Pyramid of Cheops crashed to the ground recently, so officials are quadrupling the 72-cent admission for foreigners to raise funds for fixing the ancient tomb and its companion, the Sphinx.

"These monuments need care and restoration. The sacredness of the area is being violated almost every minute," said Nassef Hassan, Chief Inspector of Antiquities at Giza, on the western bank of the Nile.

Foreign tourists will be asked to shoulder most of the burden, since the admission price for Egyptians will be kept at about 14 cents.

The three pyramids of Giza, considered the finest of their kind, were constructed as royal burial sites during the Fourth Dynasty of the Ancient Pharaohs.

The largest, the Great Pyramid of Cheops, was constructed around 2680 B.C. The Sphinx, a colossal figure of a lion with a man's head sculpted from natural rock, stands guard nearby.

Although it is illegal, tourists scramble up the sides of The Pyramids daily and few guards are available to stop them.

Picnickers litter the area with softdrink cans, bottles and sandwich wrappers. Cars roar up to the very base of the monuments.

"This chaos is harming everything and we're going to stop it,"



toppled stone and wear and tear on the monuments clearly has preservationists worried.

The Sphinx, a few hundred yards from The Pyramids, is suffering from wind erosion.

"We plan to go over the Great Pyramid and see if there are any more loose stones and at the same time we will use locally quarried limestone to shore up the north side of the Sphinx, which has been peeling away for centuries," said Zahi Hawass, another Antiquities inspector.

As many as 3,500 tourists a day visit the Giza Plateau, but the only admission fee is a 72-cent charge for entering the Pyramid of Cheops.

Beginning in October, an entrance fee equal to 2.89 dollars will be charged to foreign tourists wishing to see any of the sites on the sprawling plateau, Hawass said.

Egypt's struggling economy is only able to spare a few thousand dollars annually for maintaining the site, so officials have decided to make the area pay for itself.

"When one stops to think of the good that that money will do, I'm sure no one will mind helping us out," said Nassef Hassan.

Restoration plans also call for a curbstone around the three pyramids to keep cars from parking too close.

The last thorough cleaning of the site was nearly 40 years ago.

"The area now needs a thorough sweep," said Hassan. — IAP



X-ray photographs may prove that these two male mummies, probably from the time of Cleopatra, were related. British and German scientists believe the dummy from Liverpool Museum has the same cogenital spine defect as its companion from Germany.

## An atomic French 'whodunit'

By Ronald Koven

PARIS — The list of methods to commit the perfect homicide has been lengthened here with the accidental discovery of a plan to carry out what may be the world's first attempted murder.

Three highly irradiated pieces of magnesium used to handle radioactive uranium bars were placed under the driver's seat of a car belonging to a shift foreman at the French Atomic Energy Commission's nuclear waste reprocessing plant at La Hague in Normandy.

The foreman, Guy Busin, 39, was saved from slow death only because he had an accident with his car that made it immobile.

When discovered, the magnesium was still emitting 10 rads of radiation an hour. International nuclear safety regulations provide that atomic workers should be allowed to receive only 5 rads a year at work.

Busin wrecked his car in November, and had it towed to his yard. But he discovered the irradiated magnesium only late last month when he started taking the

car apart.

Suspicion immediately centered on the 15 men in Busin's crew. He was known as a hard taskmaster, some say a martinet. There had already been attempts to sabotage his car with sugar in the gas tank and sulfuric acid in the fuel line.

Finally, suspicion centered on a member of the crew who was the man Busin himself least suspected.

It was Noel Lecomte, 27, a father of two children and a member of the Busin team for two years. Interrogated three times in 24 hours, Lecomte confessed and

was arrested.

Lecomte described how he beat the nuclear factory's security systems to get the irradiated material out. It just involved walking out one day with the magnesium in a plastic bag and putting it under the seat of Busin's car in the parking lot.

If Busin had continued to use the car the radiation would have eventually been fatal. He said he had felt "tired" at one point. Atomic Energy Commission doctors who examined him say he seems fit now. Lecomte is charged with "attempted poisoning." — (WP)

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A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom

JEDDAH

Thursday, May 17:

Grand School Fair, featuring a fancy dress competition for children. Starts 5 p.m. at Continental School, west of Mecca Road and just north of Al Quraishi Sports and Toy shop.

Friday, May 18:

Red Sea Sailing Association Spring Regatta. Racing starts 11:45 a.m. At the RSSA clubhouse in Othor. Open to non-members. Details, telephone Peter Taylor, 58742.

Saturday, May 19:

Hejaz Choral Society meeting. At the PCS, Room 5, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20:

Ideal Home Exhibition, featuring furniture, interior decoration, household and kitchen appliances. At the Jeddah Center, 5-10 p.m. until June 8. Women only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Jeddah Squash League Summer Competition starts. Teams play every Sunday and some need players. Details, telephone Anne Taylor, 22124.

Monday, May 21:

Jeddah Fine Arts Society meeting. Clyde Harris speaks on "The Architecture and Art of Yanbu." At the USGS Compound, House 16, near the American Embassy, 7:30 p.m.

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NOTE: Main Basil's art exhibition, featuring drawings of characteristic Saudi life and scheduled to run at the Intercontinental Hotel from May 19 — 26, has been postponed until further notice.

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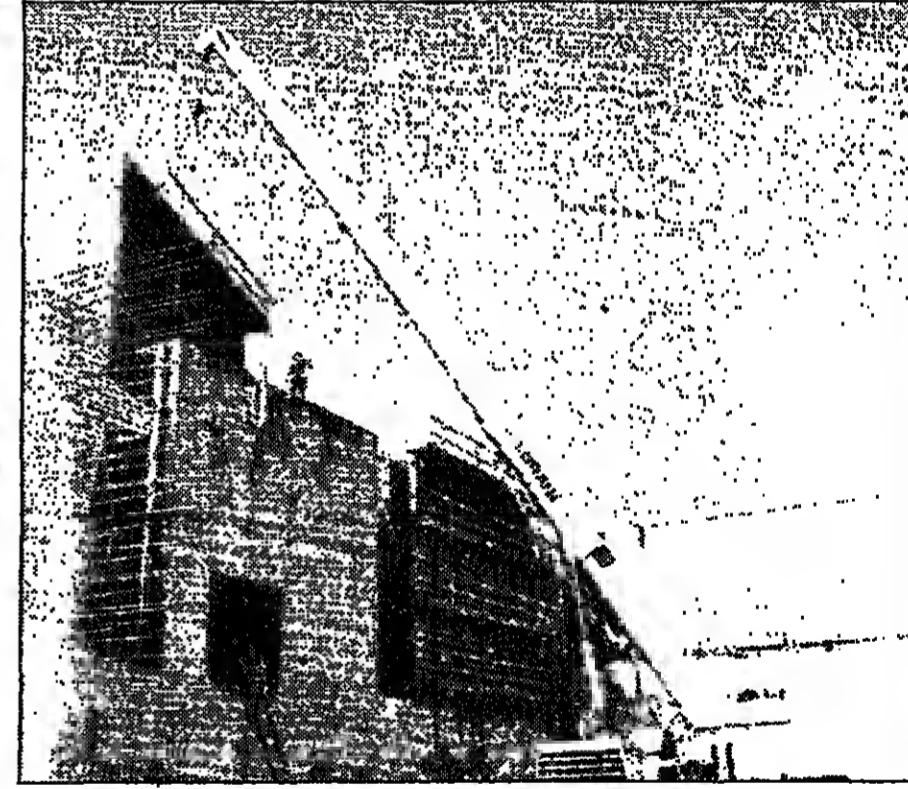
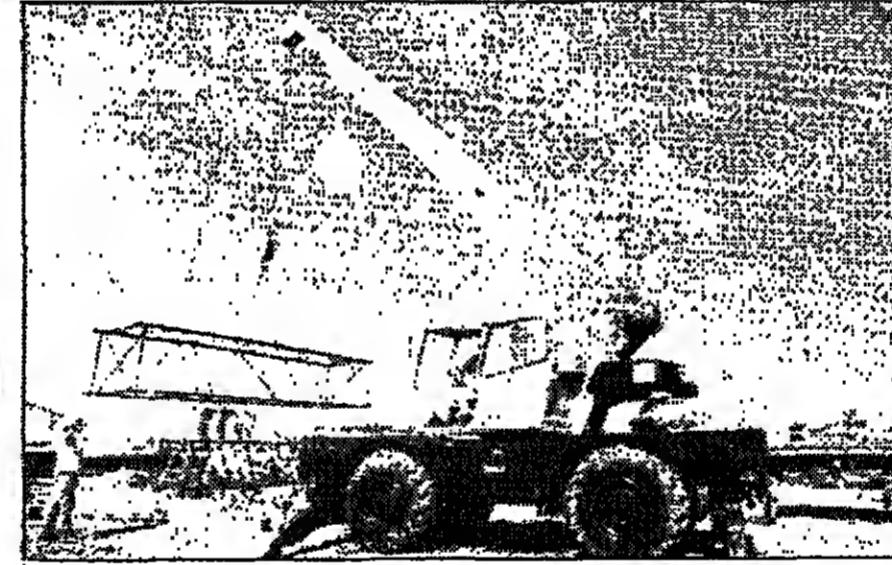
Monday, May 21:

Dhahran Diving Group meeting, when a guest speaker will talk on diving philosophy. At the Aramco Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 21 — Wednesday, May 23:

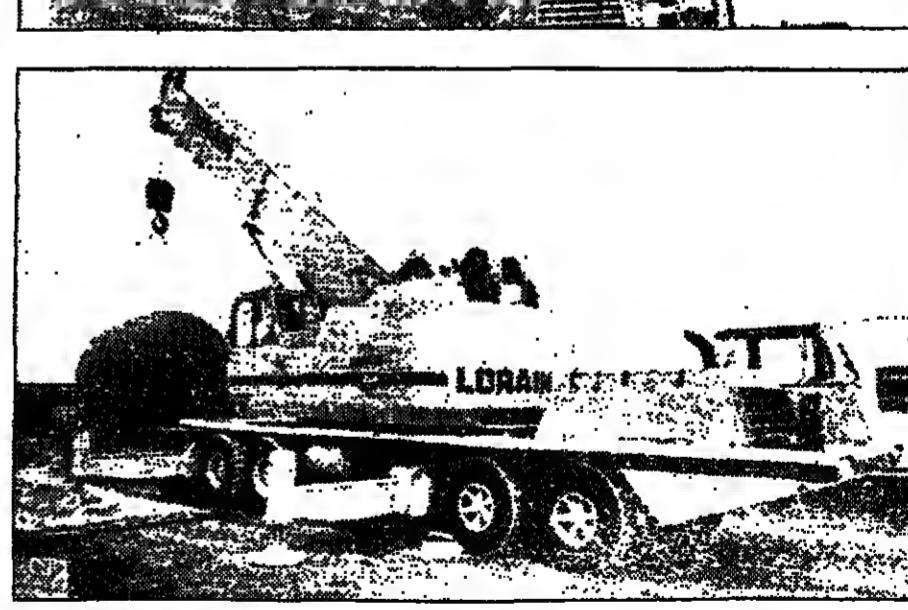
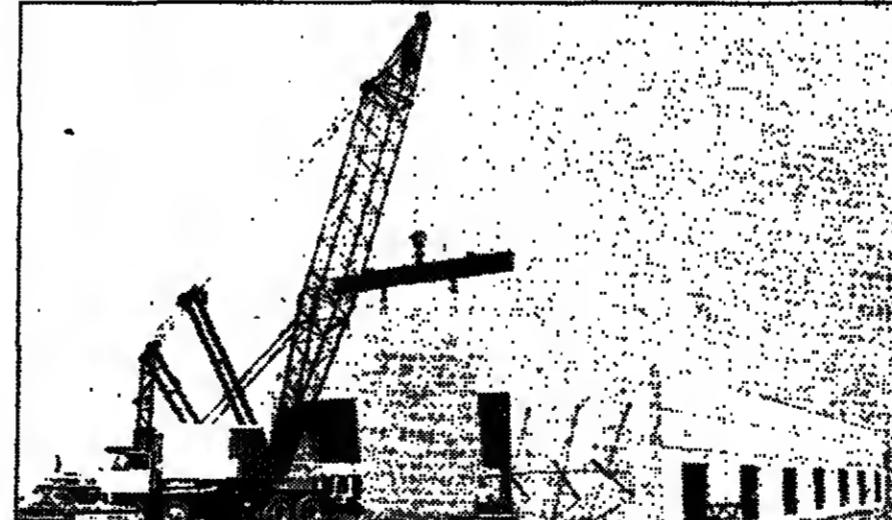
Dhahran Theater Group presents "Big Bad Mouse." In the Aramco Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, telephone Aramco 53998 (evenings).

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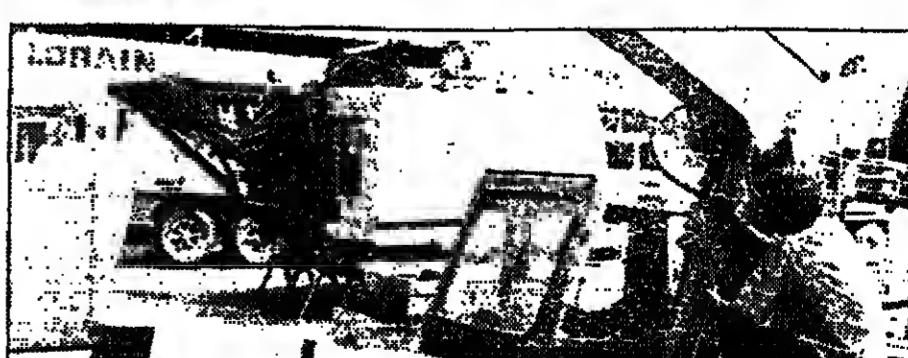


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## Arabia's lake district

By Rosalind Ingrams

**AFLAJ** — To swim in a deep clear lake amid the scorched sands of Central Arabia sounds like the tallest of traveller's tales. Yet south of Leyla, in the district known as Aflaj, some four or five hours southeast of Riyadh, there are at least six lakes, some in Europe would be called ponds, but others are more considerable, the largest and best known being perhaps 500 meters long.

After turning off the road at the sign marked Oyun Aflaj (the springs of Aflaj), there is no hint in the level bleached surroundings that anything like a lake could be just over the horizon. Amid the clouds of white dust rising off the rough track you ask yourself if there could have been a mistake in the directions. But just as doubt worms its way in, the road drops round a corner and there on the left is a shimmering sheet of blue water amid a thick frill of tall reeds.

Here and there white canvas tents are pitched close to the edge, and bathers, picnickers — even weekend water-skiers — lend the scene an air of festivity. Those who come here make the most of it.

Near to the largest lake are two smaller ones, so close that the narrow bridges of land separating them seem merely vestigial. It is quite likely that they may indeed prove short-lived, for the lakes



Vines growing at a Leyla farm

appear to be formed by the collapse of the banks and the opening of deep fissures which lead to subterranean aquifers.

We could plainly see the process at work at several points along the

bottomless pool of water at its foot. Although not obviously connected with the lake a few meters further off — there being level ground in between — it seemed plain that in time the intervening soil would crumble away and the lake would enlarge itself.

Knowing that there were other, less-frequented pools further on we sought them out, and during the drive saw for ourselves why the area is known as "Aflaj". Aflaj is the plural of falaj, the name given, notably in Oman, to an underground irrigation system.

Water is channelled underground to a given spot, and its course is marked by a regular series of above-ground earthworks. These mounds are built up by the earth dug out to make the channel, and they form entrances to the channels for maintenance and repair. The system is a very ancient one originating in Persia, where the channels are called qanats.

During a recent study of the Aflaj region by the archeological survey team of the Department of Antiquities, evidence was found of the extreme antiquity of some of the water channels. Some went back to about the second century B.C., while others are as recent as 100 years old.

Most are in disrepair, but in some the water is flowing. It would need an aerial photograph to make clear the criss-cross pattern of the aflaj, which at ground level seems confusing. Palm groves edge the horizon beyond the somewhat arid region of the lakes, and it is presumably to them that the water runs, or used to run, from the lakes.

However, the level of the lake water has dropped dramatically in recent years, possibly from tapping of the level at other places. Tall water towers loom in the surrounding villages. It seems a mysterious paradox that no great growth of trees and green has sprung up around the lakes. Only a thick fringe of beautiful reeds wave their feathery heads, along with plenty of coarse dune grass and a sprinkling of tamarisk bushes, with a stunted palm or two.

The high mineral content of the water, in which no fish can live, is responsible for this lack of sur-



A lake in Aflaj

towards the circumference, with the walled and winding lanes between them and the spacious palm groves and gardens in which they stand.

Here we saw the ancient way of life continuing much as it always has done, barring the ubiquitous Datsun pickups. And here, thanks to the courteous hospitality of the

owner, we were able to rest in a shady palm grove and delight in green grass, vines, scarlet pomegranate blossom and running water. It seemed like paradise.

Sixty kilometers south of the limits of Al Kharj lies the bizarre 20th-century "ghost town" of Howfah. Laid out in the middle of the desert, it is a forest of street lights, dual carriageways, parking lots and no-entry signs. But there is not a house or inhabitant to be seen. The only sign of life is a busy roadside garage and cafe, a good 500 meters before this elegant but spooky traffic planner's dream, executed somewhat ahead of time.



A farm in Leyla Aflaj



A tiny mosque in Leyla Aflaj

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LEADOFF: L.A.'s Dusty Baker led off the 10th with his third homer of the season to give the Dodgers a 5-4 victory over Atlanta.

### 3rd homer of season

## Baker slugs L.A. past Braves

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP) — Dusty Baker's third home run of the season, a leadoff shot off Brian Devine in the 10th inning, were the Los Angeles Dodgers to their fourth straight victory, 5-4, over the Atlanta Braves, Tuesday night.

Steve Garvey had a two-run single in the Dodgers' three-run 4th inning but Atlanta scored three runs in the third, two on Jeff Trought's third homer.

In another National League game, Jack Clark and Larry Herndon hit two-run doubles and Phil Niekro pitched a five-hitter for his major league victory as San Francisco routed Houston, 8-1.

Del Youngblood hit a two-run homer to back the combined six-inning pitching of Craig Swan and Tom Lockwood as the New York Mets beat Pittsburgh,

Pinch-hitter Kurt Bevacqua doubled in two runs off reliever Frank Pastore in the top of the ninth to give San Diego a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

John Denny hurled a two-hitter and Mike Phillips broke a scoreless duel with a two-out ninth-inning single off Steve Rogers as the St. Louis Cardinals nipped Montreal, 1-0.

In an afternoon NL game, Barry Foote slammed a bases-loaded homer against his former Philadelphia teammates — the first grand slam of his career — to power the Chicago Cubs past the Phillies, 7-1.

In the American League, unbeaten Tommy John hurled a seven-hitter for his eighth victory and Chris Chambliss hit two homers to lead the New York Yankees to a 11-3 rout of Detroit.

John Ellis' two-run single cap-

ped a five-run eighth inning that vaulted Texas to a 9-8 victory over Mike Marshall and the Minnesota Twins.

Dwight Evans walked, stole second and raced home on Jerry Remy's single in the 10th inning to give Boston a 3-2 victory over Baltimore.

The Cleveland Indians scored three runs without getting a hit in the eighth inning to beat Toronto, 5-3.

Kansas City and Seattle split a twinbill doubleheader, with Kansas winning the first, 7-4, but falling to Seattle, 6-2, in the nightcap.

The Chicago White Sox and unbeaten rookie Ross Baumgarten took a 2-1 victory over Oakland and Don Baylor took a Homer off Milwaukee's Mike Caldwell, giving the California Angels another 2-1 victory.

## Baseball umpires to return to work

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP) — Major league baseball umpires have reached a contract agreement with the American and National Leagues and will return to work this weekend, the Associated Press learned Tuesday.

A Marathoo negotiating session which lasted into Tuesday morning appeared to have settled the final issues in a strike which began during spring training.

Pressure for the settlement built up last week when minor league and sandlot umpires who have been replacing the regulars were involved in a series of uproarious arguments, punctuated with bench-clearing brawls in Atlanta and Minnesota.

The settlement apparently was to be resented for approval of the major league owners at a joint meeting of the two leagues in Chicago Wednesday.

Details of the contract settlement were not released but it seems the leagues agreed to employ an extra team of umps, allowing one unit at a time to have breaks in the season. The umpires also had demanded improvements in expense allowances which had been \$ 53 a day and in salaries.

Throughout the work stoppage, the umpires had said it would take only \$ 20,000 per team, a total of \$ 520,000 to settle the matter.

The umpires have been demanding salary equity with officials in other major U.S. sports. Major league umpires had been making between \$ 17,000 and \$ 20,000, with a 10-year man earning \$ 32,500. Last year officials in the National Basketball Association were earning \$ 45,000.

Angered by the disparity, the umpires turned their contract talks over to the attorney, who negotiated the agreement with the NBA officials.

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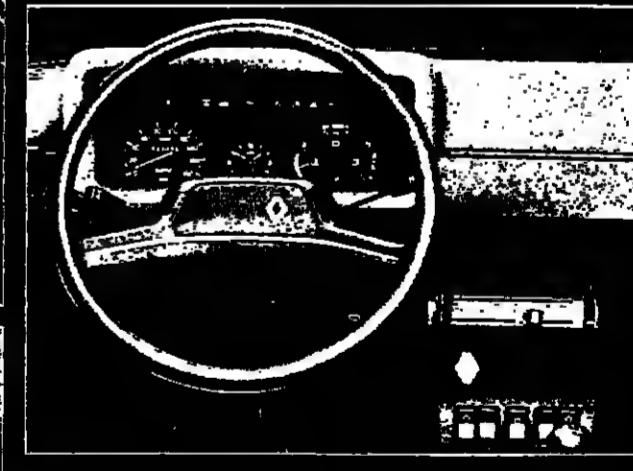
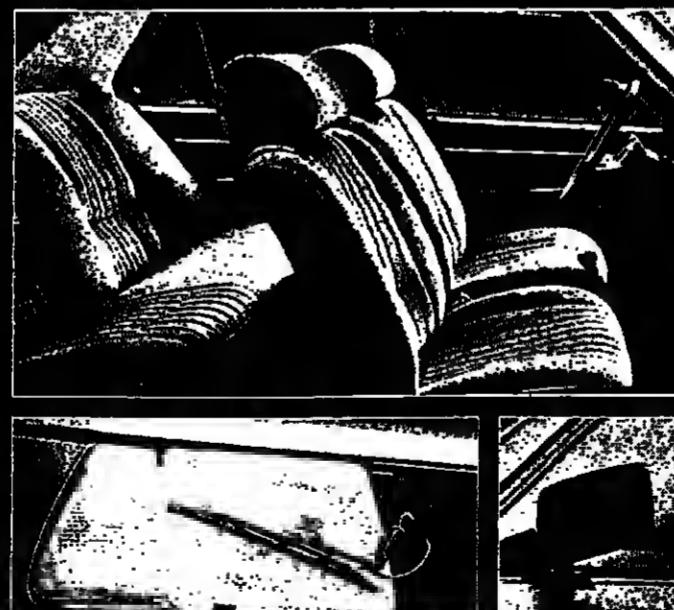


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## Watson and the pursuit of half a million

### Leading earner indifferent to locker-room speculation

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 16 (AP) — The casual conversation in the colonial country club locker room revolved around the National Basketball Association playoffs until D.A. Weibring brought it back to golf.

"Is he gonna win a half-million this year?" Weibring asked.

The "he" is Tom Watson, who, with great authority, has established himself as the dominant force on the Professional Golfers Association tour.

His record over the last 2½ years is unmatched in pro golf. He won the Vardon Trophy, Player of the Year honors and was the leading money winner in 1977 and 1978. He's the only man to sweep all three titles in consecutive seasons, and he's well on his way to making it three years in a row.

In fact, the only question seems to be whether he'll become the first man to reach \$400,000 — or \$500,000 or \$600,000 — in a single season.

#### LPGA winners

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP) — These are the top 1979 money winners on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour:

1. Sandra Post	\$91,758
2. Nancy Lopez	\$85,475
3. Joanne Carner	\$83,350
4. Pat Bradley	\$73,145
5. Jane Blalock	\$61,015
6. Donna C. Young	\$40,111
7. Donna H. White	\$38,708
8. Amy Alcott	\$38,526
9. Sally Little,	\$31,730
South African	
10. Jo Ann Washam	\$31,642

His triumph last week in the Byron Nelson classic was his third of the year — no one else has won more than two — marked the seventh time this year he has been first or second and pushed his earnings to a bulging \$286,674.

That compares with the records 362,491 he won last year. And he's only about half through with his season this time.

"He's going to play about 23 American tournaments this year," his wife, Linda, said.

And, the boys in the locker room pointed out, they include such big-money events as the World Series of Golf (\$100,000 to the winner) and Westchester (\$72,000) to the winner.)

"With purses going up all the time, it isn't a record that is important, or one that will stand," he said Tuesday after a practice round for the \$300,000 Colonial National Invitation tournament that begins Thursday.

Look at Byron Nelson in 1945. He won 18 tournaments. With today's purses that would be \$2 million. No, you can't use money as a yardstick. It's things like consistency and stroke average that are important.

He also has the best stroke average on the tour, 70.25. His three victories and four seconds also comprises the most consistent record.

He's a solid favorite to expand that record this week in the chase for a \$54,000 first prize.

As usual, however, the Colonial



AP photo

BLASTS OUT: Tom Watson of Kansas City blasts from the final round of the Byron Nelson classic in Dallas this week.

offers an extremely strong lineup in its elite invitational field of 102.

Chief among them are defending champion Lee Trevino and the three men who have scored double victories this year — Lanny Wadkins, Hubert Green and Vassar champion Fuzzy Zoeller — who is making his first start after a

three-week break.

Other standouts include Hale Irwin, Ben Crenshaw, Jerry Pate, Ed Sneed, Mark Hayes, Tom Kite, Bruce Lietzke and John Mahaffey, the PGA title-holder who last week showed signs he's on the comeback from a lengthy injury absence.

MONTREAL, May 16 (AP) — Yvon Lambert, Guy Lafleur, Sven Gainey scored in a 7:53 span of the first period Tuesday night as the Montreal Canadiens shrugged off an early two-goal deficit and roared to a 6-2 triumph over the New York Rangers to tie their National Hockey League final playoff series.

Steve Shutt and Jacques Lemaire scored in the second period and Mark Napier completed a string of six consecutive Montreal goals in the third period as the Canadiens evened the best-of-seven set at one game apiece.

The series shifts to New York for games three and four Thursday and Saturday.

Wild

The game got off to a wild start as Montreal goalie Ken Dryden — who had expected to watch from the bench for the first time in 109 career playoff games — gave up two of New York's first three shots.

Steve Vickers picked off a pass from Montreal defenseman Serge Savard and fed Anders Hedberg for a screened 35-foot shot that

gave the Rangers the lead just 1:02 into the game. Then Pat Hickey collected an errant pass by the Canadiens Brian Engblom before feeding Ron Duguay for a 30-foot shot that glanced off Engblom and past Dryden at 6:21.

Overdrive

But the Canadiens, who had not lost consecutive home games since October, 1977, went into overdrive and buried Rangers goalie John Davidson under an avalanche of shots.

An unusual goal by Lambert got Montreal started, as Lambert, checked by two Ranger defenders, deflected Mario Tremblay's pass between Davidson's legs at 8:34.

Backhander

Lafleur backhanded the rebound of a Jacques Lemaire shot over Davidson just 3:50 later, then Gainey sneaked behind Rangers defenseman Mike McEwen for a 30-foot shot that entered the net off Davidson's leg.

The rest of the goals iced the cake for Montreal, which survived the loss of goalie Michel Larocque and ignored the early two-goal deficit.

Larocque, who had watched



FIGHT FOR PUCK: Montreal's Guy Lafleur, left, keeps his stick high as he battles with Rangers' Don Maloney for the puck Tuesday in Montreal.

Dryden start Montreal's last 65 playoff games, had replaced Dryden in the third period Sunday and had been expected to start Tuesday night.

Hospitalized

But he was struck in the fore-

head by a Doug Risebrough shot during warmups and hospitalized for X-rays. The X-rays were negative, but Larocque, complaining of headaches and nausea, remained there overnight for observation.

#### Famous names become poor relations

### English soccer elite reigns unchallenged

LONDON, May 16 (R) — Liverpool won the championship instead of Nottingham Forest but apart the elite of English soccer is strikingly unchanged from a year ago.

The days when unknowns topped the great — particularly in the Football Association Cup have, for the moment, gone.

The League finishing order last season was Forest, Liverpool, Everton, Manchester City, Arsenal, West Bromwich. This year the list is lightly shuffled but the only newcomer is Leeds, which replaces Manchester City, the great disappointment of the season now ending.

Arsenal, beaten finalist last year, went one better against Manchester United this time and won the F.A. Cup — and with it a place in the European Cupwinners' Cup — so that the top seven clubs in the final League standings

should for once, all qualify for Europe. This will happen if Forest beats the Swedes of Malmo in the European Cup final in Munich and wins a place in the competition next season as holder.

If Forest earns a return to the European Cup, its UEFA Cup place passed to the sixth highest finisher in the League — Ipswich, which finished one above Arsenal.

Add to these seven the next two teams in the League — Aston Villa and Manchester United, which missed out on its only chance to qualify for European competition next season by its F.A. Cup Final defeat — and the list almost amounts to a "super-league," massing European experience as well as domestic success.

Six of the nine have won the League championship since the mid-60s — Liverpool five times.

tory away to Leeds United in its penultimate English League match of the season Tuesday night.

The 13 other clubs which make up the First Division, including famous names as Tottenham, Wolves and Derby, are in grave danger of becoming permanent poor relations.

Nobody will underrate

redshift Liverpool but the return to Europe of the white shirts of Leeds may arouse more curiosity.

Leeds fought 10 campaigns in Europe but were banned four years ago when its fans rioted in Paris as Bayern Munich beat their idols, 2-0, in the European Cup final.

It qualifies this time for the UEFA Cup.

Skeleton Forest win

LONDON, May 16 (R) — European Cup final Nottingham Forest was without four key players but still snatched a 2-1 vic-

Other results: Division One: Manchester City 2 Villa 3 Division Three: Blackpool 3 Swindon 2; Portsmouth 1 Aldershot 1

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## Citizens 'too timid' to face energy crisis, says Carter

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP) — Energy problems are "sapping the strength of our nation" and Americans have been unwilling or too timid to deal with the problem, says President Jimmy Carter.

Carter's remarks came as some California drivers lined up for 12 blocks to buy gasoline at 99.9

cents a gallon, and New York Gov. Hugh Carey asked motorists to reduce their driving this month by 160 kilometers and ordered state agencies to cut their mileage by 5 per cent.

Meanwhile, there are indications the government is partially to blame for the gasoline crunch in California, a federal official says.

## Ireland, Turkey impose energy saving measures

DUBLIN, May 16 (R) — The Irish government Tuesday imposed a 55 miles an hour speed limit on all roads in an effort to ease a fuel shortage.

Gas stations have been running dry, because the multinational companies which supply the republic have not met an increase in demand.

Energy Minister Des O'Malley said recently that he could flood Ireland with gas if he agreed to raising the present price of just under two dollars a gallon.

In Istanbul, citing the worldwide oil shortage and Turkey's critical foreign currency situation officials announced Tuesday that

gas rationing will be imposed from next Monday.

The Istanbul government said that private cars will be allowed 60 liters per week while commercial vehicles like taxis and trucks will be able to buy up to 200 litres.

Vehicles belonging to foreigners and members of the press, as well as cars bearing official plates, will be exempted from the rationing, it said.

Governors in some of the smaller Turkish provinces have recently restricted the purchase of fuel in their areas but Istanbul, with its nearly 4.5 million population, is the first major city to come under gasoline rationing.

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## UAE earned \$ 8.73 billion in oil revenue last year

ABUDHABI, May 16 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) last year earned about \$ 8.73 billion in oil exports and also had a trade surplus of nearly half that amount, the official Emirates new agency WAM reported Tuesday.

Exports totalled 37.9 billion

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39	
Pound Sterling	6.91	7.00	7.00	
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	178.75	177.75	
Swiss F (100)	197.00	198.50	196.60	
French F (100)	77.00	77.50	77.10	
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.01	
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	104.35	104.50	
Syrian Lira (100)	—	76.50	87.00	
Egyptian Pound	—	4.68	4.56	
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.22	
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.13	11.10	
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.25	88.25	
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	90.00	90.00	
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.85	8.85	
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—	
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—	
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.30	74.30	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	76.50	87.00	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.90	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.35	
Gold kg	—	28.100	—	
10 Tolas bar	—	3,275	—	
Silver kg bar	—	1,000	—	
Japanese yen (100)	1.58	—	—	
Canadian dollar	2.91	—	—	
Belgian franc (10)	1.11	—	—	
Dutch gilder	1.63	—	—	

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah. Tel. : 23815

Dow up .86

## Wall Street fluctuates all day

NEW YORK, May 16 — Fear of higher interest rates and inflation — coupled with the fear of gasoline shortages — kept the market from gaining substantial ground Tuesday. After adding more than four and a half points by 2 pm, the market continued to lose ground in late afternoon trading. At the close the Dow Jones Industrial Average had added .86, transports gained 1.60, and utilities lost .10. Volume of trading for the day was 26.3 million shares. Breadth was on the negative side with losers outnumbering gainers by six issues. The American Exchange Index lost .12.

Among the most active Standard Brands gained 2.1 to 23 1/2, Greyhound added 1/2 to 14 1/2, American Motors unchanged at 6 1/2, Texaco unchanged at 24 1/2, and Polaroid off 2 1/2 to 30 1/2.

Other groups to note are gasoline and gambling, with Archer Daniels off 1/2 to 20 1/2, A.E. Staley off 1 1/2 to 23, American Distillers lost 1 1/2 to 11 1/2, National Distillers off 1/2 to 22 and Publicker unchanged at 10 1/2, Resorts Intl. fell 1 to 40 1/2, Bally added 1/2 to 68 1/2, Hilton up 1/2 to

and Revlon added 1/2 to 46 1/2 and 45 1/2 respectively, and IBM fell 2 1/2 to 305 1/2.

Among the basic industry issues Republic Steel added 1/2 to 27 1/2, DuPont added 1/2 to 138 1/2, Int'l. Paper added 1/2 to 43 1/2, Boise Cascade added 1/2 to 34 1/2, and Financial Federation lost 1/2 to 35 1/2.

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## Industrial output in U.S. registered April decline

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP) — Industrial production in the United States declined one per cent in April, the largest drop since the 1975 recession, but the government blamed it Wednesday almost entirely on the strike and lockout in the trucking industry.

Auto production was particularly hard hit with production falling 1.6 per cent to an annual rate of 7.9 million units.

Declines also were noted in most other industries, the Federal

Reserve Board said Wednesday in its monthly report of production in the nation's mines, mills and factories.

The April figures reflected a sharp turnaround from an 0.7 per cent increase in industrial production in March. The decline in April was the first since a drop of 0.6 per cent in January 1978 and the largest since a 2.2 per cent decline in February 1975 during the deepest recession of the post-war period.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Buraidah	Asphalting, paving and illuminating of some roads	500	June 9	
" " "	Fencing of Al-Mota graveyard	200	June 3	
" " "	Supplying, spreading and pressing of 50000 flat meters of hot asphalt	30	June 5	
University of Riyadh	Cleaning of the Faculty of Agriculture and its annexes	17	June 3	
Directorate of Agriculture and Water, Western Province	Supply of drinking water in three villages of Baha region	500	May 20	
" " "	Supply of drinking water in Al-Shawaq town in Al-Laith area	200	May 22	
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Drilling of an ordinary well in Wadi Al-Dawaser	18/1	100	May 27
" " "	Extension of pipelines in Al-Bakairish town	7/8	500	May 28

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Smash in

5 Circa

10 Ceremony

11 Milk-curdling

substance

13 Field

14 Lector

15 "The Saint"

17 After zeta

18 " — old port

in a storm"

19 Baseball's

Carey

20 Sord of

Recently

24 Measured

amounts

25 Prop for

George

Burns

26 Being: Sp.

27 Judge's

mallet

28 Free from

error: abbr.

29 Perched

30 Man's name

31 Early stage

of history

35 Reflection

38 "Art of

Love" poet

39 Do battle

with

40 Boundary

41 "The

Blacks"

playwright

42 Dash

DOWN

1 Nasty tyke

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SLAVES  
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MAS DAVIS  
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20 Celebrating  
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22 Tracy  
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24 Arizona  
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Opening lead - jack of hearts.

North ♦K ♦J 10 7 ♦Q 3  
West East  
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Schleifer then led the king of

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covered with the ace, he

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diamonds! This unusual play,

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## International

# Mrs. Gandhi attacks Desai at massive rally in capital

NEW DELHI, May 16 (Agencies) — Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who faces special court proceedings, led thousands of her supporters Wednesday in a protest march against the Janata Party government.

Tens of thousands of people marched through the streets of Old Delhi waving flags and chanting slogans against Prime Minister Morarji Desai's government.

They arrived here Tuesday night from various parts of the country in trucks, tractors and trains to march three kilometers from the sprawling Red Fort to the Ramila grounds where Mrs. Gandhi made a speech attacking the government.

The 61-year-old Mrs. Gandhi

who with others faces charges arising from her 21 month of emergency rule, told the crowd, "I am prepared to go to jail if it will help the government solve any of the country's problems."

But she criticized the government for what she termed its lack of direction.

"This government has lost control over the country and failed to provide security to the Harijans (untouchables), Muslim and Christian minorities," she said as the crowd roared approval.

Mrs. Gandhi declared, "the special courts bill is a block law whose sole aim is to put me behind bars."

"But I wish to tell you, my party workers, that you ought not be bothered about me," she went on. "I don't say, 'save Indira'. I say,

"save the Harijans, save the minorities, save the Christians."

Mrs. Gandhi has charged that Prime Minister Desai has neglected the interests of India's minorities since her regime's stunning electoral defeat in March, 1977.

"The Janata Party is about to go," she predicted. She spoke from atop a table on the speaker's dais.

"But we are not concerned about that," she added. "We are concerned about what state it will leave India in."

Dressed in a homespun cotton sari, Mrs. Gandhi appeared upset at being jostled by supporters on her arrival. But she regained her composure as she began speaking in the 33 degree celsius (91F) heat.

Supporters carried large portraits of the former prime minister and her controversial son Sanjay, who was also present but did not speak.

"The people who have come for this rally had to face a lot of harassment," she claimed. "In Lucknow, they were charged with bamboo sticks and an old Muslim gentleman was killed."

There have been no official reports of violence.

Mrs. Gandhi, who served 11 years as prime minister, is facing criminal charges in four cases, in special courts set up by parliament to accelerate her trials.

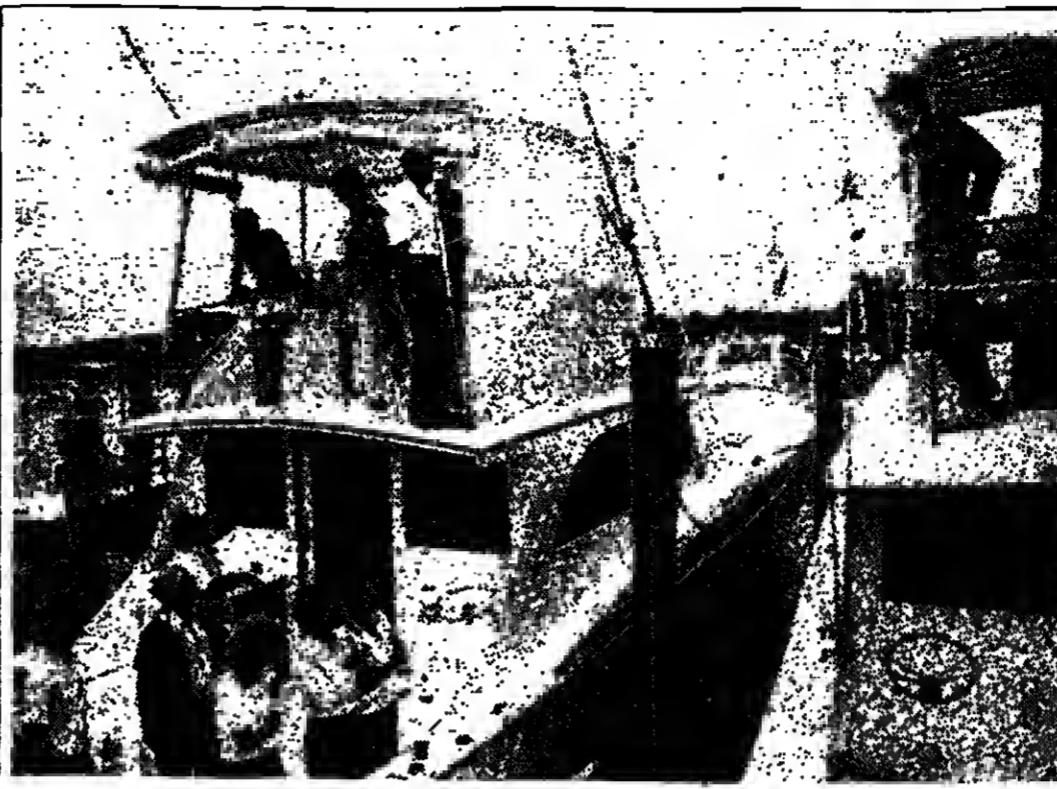
Last December, she was expelled from parliament and jailed for a week after the lower house found her guilty of breach of privilege and contempt of the house. Members of her party now report she may contest a parliamentary seat in Tamil Nadu, south India.

Mrs. Gandhi strongly defended the decision to hold the rally, but denied it had anything to do with her prosecution by the special courts.

"This rally is not to protest against the special courts, but only to air grievances of the people," she said.

Despite advance preparations, the march did not develop into the massive display of her political strength her aides had expected.

He has turned the whole matter over to Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich who, uprooted a massive



SHIP OF STATE: President Jimmy Carter stands aboard the charter vessel Gannet Monday morning in Virginia Beach and greets a party on another boat. The president spent the day fishing as the guest of Norfolk attorney Peter Decker.

## Israel's rampant inflation may reach 90% as living cost soars

TEL AVIV, May 16 (R) — A startling leap in Israel's cost of living blotted out foreign policy issues Wednesday and put the nation on course for an annual inflation rate of close to 90 per cent.

The 8.7 per cent increase announced Tuesday in the consumer price index for April was higher than government ministers had predicted, provoked an immediate storm among trade union leaders and in newspaper editorials.

One paper noted that since prime Minister Menachem Begin came to power — two years ago Thursday — the cost of living has shot up by 142 per cent.

Begin has been immersed for most of this period in negotiating the treaty with Egypt. He makes no secret of the fact that he has little time to spare for economic problems.

He has turned the whole matter over to Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich who, uprooted a massive

structure of economic controls erected in the previous 29 years of Labor Party government.

Since then, in October 1977, Israel's cost of living has doubled. Ministers now hold out no promise that the process can be halted.

Ehrlich angered fellow ministers at a cabinet meeting last Sunday by announcing that departmental budgets must be slashed.

According to government sources, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman was so incensed at the cut proposed for his ministry that he stormed out of the cabinet room.

Remedies proposed by Ehrlich include an indefinite freeze on government budgets and controlled devaluation to match the rate of inflation.

Since the "new economic policy" instituted by Ehrlich in 1977, the external value of the Israeli pound has fallen against the dollar by nearly 60 per cent.

And a major factor in the rise of the price index has been the soaring cost of real estate because of a scramble to buy property as a means of beating inflation.

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# Russians may agree to release of Hess, U.K. paper reports

LONDON, May 16 (AP) — The Soviet Union has agreed it will consider freeing Rudolf Hess from Berlin's Spandau Prison if he publicly renounces Nazism and spends the rest of his life in quite retirement, the "London Evening News" reported Wednesday.

The newspaper reported the apparent Soviet change of heart in a front-page story by its Moscow correspondent Victor Louis, a Soviet citizen who reportedly has high-ranking sources in the Kremlin.

Louis, however, did not indicate why the Soviets might now be willing to change their mind about Hess, who was sentenced in 1947 to life imprisonment at the Nuremberg war crimes trial and sent to Spandau.

Louis said the Soviets had opposed earlier suggestions that Hess be released because:

"The Russians are most concerned about the revival of interest in Nazism, and many believe that freeing Hess will provide a much needed figurehead, if not an effective leader of the Nazis."

Hess, 85 and once deputy to German Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, has spent the past three decades in West Berlin's Spandau Prison, which remains under the joint control of the four Allied victors in World War II — The U.S.S.R., Britain, France and the United States.

The three Western powers have suggested over the years that Hess — reportedly in ill health and now the only inmate in the prison — be set free. But the Soviets have refused to consider his release.

"Then the Russians are asked how long can one keep a man in

## As dollar rallies

# Gold price goes through ceiling

LONDON, May 16 (AP) — The gold price explored record high territory again Wednesday as the dollar perked up on the world's money markets.

Bullion was quoted at a record \$256.625 an ounce in early morning trading in London, but then eased off a hit to \$256.50. In Zurich, Europe's biggest bullion market, the metal was quoted at \$256.375 at mid-morning.

The price of gold surged to

record highs in both major markets Tuesday as fears over a further hike in world oil prices combined with a cutback in the supply of the yellow metal to drive investors into the market.

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the pound because Britain expects to be sold in oil by 1980 because its rich North Sea reserves.

An announcement Tuesday

Kuwait that an oil price increase should be expected in the fourth quarter of this year had an impact on currency trading. But, despite America's own energy problems, the dollar strengthened against most currencies because Japan and continental European countries are more heavily dependent on imported oil than is the United States.

Normally the price of gold is closely related to the performance of the dollar — falling when the dollar rises and vice-versa.

But Tuesday's upsurge in oil prices was more related to developments in the international supply of the precious metal.

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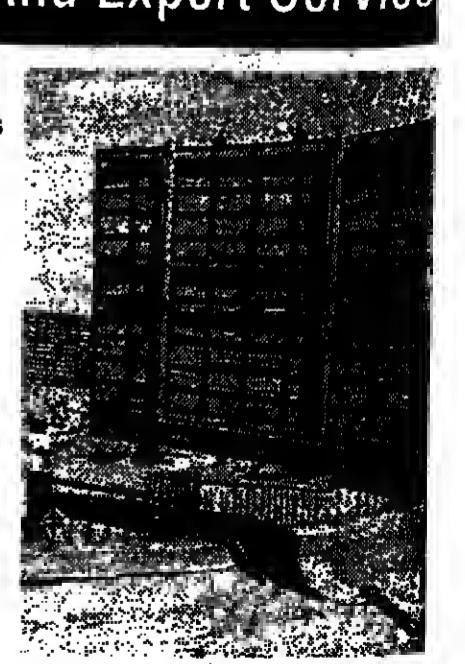
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